

MANY SEEK CADETSHIPS

Great Rush of Applications for Appointment to the Academies.

Over a Thousand Petitions Received by the President Since Congress Provided for the Increase at West Point and Annapolis—Senators Also Besieged by Aspirants.

The provision made by Congress for a large increase in the number of appointments of cadets to the Military and Naval Academies, has resulted already in the receipt of a great number of applications by Senators and by the President.

Heretofore the number of annual appointments to the Military and Naval Academies will exceed any previous record in the history of those two institutions. The output of these schools will therefore be considerably increased and the number of new officers added each year to the two branches of the service greater than ever before.

Congress having given to the Senators for the first time the right of naming cadets to West Point this variety of patronage is likely to cause some trouble, and probably before many years have passed Senators will regret the new conditions which have imposed on them the necessity of selecting young men for cadetships. Both laws are at once effective and the rush of applicants for appointments will no doubt continue until all vacancies have been filled.

Over 200 such appointments will be made, of which 170 are now available, and of these 110 belong to West Point and about sixty to Annapolis. No time has been lost in preparing for the selection of these young men. While the law does not specifically state that Senators shall have the privilege of nominating cadets to West Point, this has been construed by the Secretary of War to be his intent, and accordingly, a circular letter will be mailed to each Senator requesting that he name a principal and alternate for West Point not later than July 10, and at the same time notifying them that the entrance examinations will be held on July 25, at West Point.

There are ninety Senators, and each will be entitled to nominate a boy-at-large from his State, and two nominees to appear in the event of the principals failing to meet the entrance requirements. Senators have been notified that all appointments for vacancies not made by July 10 will be filled by the department. This very action resulted some years ago in a provision by which the Secretary of the Navy was prohibited from making cadet appointments from districts where members of Congress had failed to fill vacancies through indifference or neglect, the result being to give the Secretary the right of appointing boys from any section of the country and assigning them to almost any Congressional district.

West Point is large enough to meet the increased quota, having quarters for at least 500 cadets. The quota now allowed is 251, and with 110 additional there will still be room left. Of the total strength authorized for the Military Academy fifty cadets will be credited to the President, or forty more than he has had since the passage of an act one year ago which provided for the appointment of ten in addition to the ten which have been the President's number since the foundation of the school.

Considerable misunderstanding as to the number allowed the President has led to a tremendous rush of applications to the White House, and perhaps 1,000 or more young men from every part of the country have applied for appointments. The twenty appointments allowed will be made in the next few weeks, and no definite course has been decided upon. It is probable that most of the places will go to sons and close relatives of Army officers who have distinguished themselves in the past war. Army men as a rule have no legal residence, and few can expect favors from members of Congress. Hence the President has invariably adhered to the policy of his predecessors in reserving places at West Point and Annapolis for boys whose family connections are closely identified with the Army Navy.

Apart from the newly-created places at West Point, there are about twenty Congressional vacancies which members of Congress may fill after the examination on the 15th inst. and September 1, the usual time for the later examinations, but with such a large new class as will enter the school this year it has been deemed advisable to hold the examinations earlier so that the cadets may have the advantage of the summer drill work and experience in camp.

No definite arrangements have yet been completed by the Navy Department for complying with the terms of the Naval bill by which the vacancies at Annapolis hereafter will occur at the end of the four instead of six years' course. The effect of the law is to provide 111 vacancies immediately, represented by the class now at sea, which graduates finally in June next, and the class graduated at Annapolis in May. Of these two there are fifty members afloat and sixty-one graduates of the course. To add over 100 cadets, however, to the number already in the school, including vacancies existing ordinarily would more than tax the present accommodations of the school. The Navigation Bureau, therefore, has decided to ask for the appointments to be filled by the new vacancies which are made by the class now at sea, numbering fifty, and in a few days Congressmen will be notified of vacancies existing in their districts. Senators Washington and McCombs will each be entitled to a cadetship, at West Point, and the First and Third Congressional districts will be entitled to cadetships at the Naval Academy. The Fifth district has been

vacant at West Point for two years and unless Mr. Mudd fills it very soon the place will doubt be represented by a boy from some other State designated by the Secretary of War.

These new appointments will have a far-reaching effect upon the future personnel of the army.

They mean in the near future the elimination of appointments from civil life and the ranks of the army. When the hundred additional cadets appointed under the new act graduate four years hence there will not be, without additional legislation, any further opportunity for young men to obtain commissions in the army, without going through West Point, for the reason that the graduating class of 1904 will probably more than consume all of the vacancies then existing in the grade of second lieutenant.

A ROUGH RIDER DEAD.

The Oklahoma Cowboy Expires in a Harrisburg Hospital.

HARRISBURG, Pa., June 9.—Edwin M. Hill, the Oklahoma cowboy, and one of Roosevelt's Rough Riders, died yesterday at the city hospital. His name, Sgt. Guy M. Babcock, who spent ten years on the plains with him, and served with him with the Rough Riders in Cuba, arrived in the city Thursday afternoon, and spent several hours with his friend before he died.

Babcock, after Hill's death, gave orders to have his remains sent to "Bismarck, Okla., and buried in the cemetery." Under taker Spicer, and were shipped West last night. The dead cowboy was a Master Mason. He was also the Democratic candidate for sheriff of Pottawatomie county.

GIRL IN BOY'S CLOTHES.

Arrested While Tramping From New York to Texas.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., June 9.—Rosa Gilmore, aged eighteen, was arrested here yesterday in boy's clothing. She is tramping from New York to her father's ranch, in New Mexico.

"I look well in 'b-m,'" she said, looking at her trousers, "and it's much easier walking and stealing rides in them than in skirts."

The girl was arrested while sleeping in a grove opposite this city. She said she left New York on Monday morning, a man friend having bought the clothes for her. She tramped on foot, and on Tuesday came over the 170 miles to this city slowly, owing to the hot weather. She said she had no trouble getting along, and none from the men she thought that she was a girl.

She is broad shouldered and well built and her hair is cut short. She walks with a swagger, and carries a pipe, which she smokes. She said she had been a servant in New York and had become tired of work and wanted to go home.

EXPLOSION IN A CISTERN.

Bowling Green Street Torn Up and Bowling Green People Hurt.

ONE SUBURBS PROGRESS

President Lancaster's Report to the Tenleytown Association.

Northwest Section of the City Has Grown Steadily and Many Improvements Have Been Made—Appropriations by Congress—Extensive Operations in the Building Line.

The annual meeting of the Citizens' Northwest Suburban Association last night in the Town Hall at Tenleytown was largely attended. Charles C. Lancaster, president of the association, presided.

The president offered his annual report, in which he said that "since the organization of the association on June 24, 1897, the membership has steadily increased and we have secured the cooperation of a large number of enterprising and public spirited citizens in the northwest section of the District, and I congratulate the association upon the feeling of harmony and public spirit which has animated its proceedings and advanced its interests."

"It is a fact well recognized that under our present system of government these citizens' associations exist from a common necessity to protect and advance the interest of the public. It should be a matter of pride for every member to take a personal interest in the work of this association."

"Our efforts in securing appropriations from Congress to meet the public necessities in this section have been fairly rewarded. We have secured our appropriation of \$24,000 for a site and building for a chemical fire engine, so much needed for the proper protection of property. The site has been selected on Wisconsin Avenue, near this village, and the work on the building will begin promptly after July 1."

We secured from the last Congress an appropriation of \$3,000 for electric lights on Connecticut Avenue, extended, Woodley Road, Pierce Mill Road, and Grant Road, but on account of a technical ruling of the Commission we could not get the lights. Our efforts were renewed at the session just closed and an appropriation has been made for these lights, and we have the promise of the State for the same.

We had not been successful in the last Congress in securing an increased appropriation for country roads, but this year we succeeded in getting a large increase of appropriation for this purpose. We have also succeeded in getting an additional appropriation of \$4,000 for the construction of a bridge on Connecticut Avenue over Rock Creek. Another appropriation of \$50,000 was secured through our assistance to begin the construction of a sewer along Arizona Avenue to the Potomac River.

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CLEMENCY FOR MURDERERS.

Otis' Action in the Cases of the Assassinations of General Otis.

A report from General Otis, while he was still Military Governor of the Philippines, was received yesterday by the War Department. The report relates that three natives were convicted by a military commission of having murdered Quartermaster Sergeant Albert Votrie, of Company K, Thirty-ninth Volunteer Infantry, at the Barrio of Bagbag, near Tanauan, in the province of Batangas, February 2, and were sentenced to death by hanging.

In passing upon the case, General Otis, as the final reviewing authority, said that the findings of the commission were fully sustained by the evidence, and that the death sentence imposed by it had the express sanction of the laws of war. He was, however, unwilling to direct the execution of the sentence, as he believed that the accused were influenced to commit the crime of which they were convicted by local guerrilla chiefs, who, he said, were the principal criminals in the affair. Moreover, he said, the prisoners were ignorant of the legal consequences of their crime. Therefore he commuted the sentence in each case to imprisonment at hard labor in the Presidio de Manila.

The clemency herein exercised, said General Otis, "will not be considered a precedent to guide or influence the future action of the reviewing authority upon proceedings of military commissions in cases of such gravity as the present one, and the occasion is taken to announce that in the judicial determination of questions of guilt which involve respect for the law, the full taking of human life the full rigor of the law will be inflicted when rightfully invoked by legally constituted courts."

RUSH OF OFFICE-SEEKERS.

District Commissioners Besieged by Applicants for Positions.

The rush of office-seekers to the District Building has been interrupted since the organization of the new Board of Commissioners. Each of the members of the Board is obliged to spend several hours every day in receiving delegations who call to urge the appointment of some one to one of the departments of the municipal government. Private individuals call separately to urge their own or others' claims, and all these people have to be listened to and the candidates they present taken into consideration.

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WHAT HAS PROF. MUNYON DONE?

Prof. Munyon has sold his Washington offices to his "Leading Specialist," a physician of twenty-eight years' actual practice, and of acknowledged ability, who has put the old offices in first-class order, repainting, papering, etc., and has also put a new Electric Static Machine, Wagner Mica Plate, in the electric parlors, which generates a higher potency of electricity than any other machine in the world. It shall be his object to leave nothing undone and spare no pains to make the Munyon Offices of past fame far exceed any previous period, as pertains to the ability and skill of his corps of physicians, who are consulted free of charge, and who extend a courtesy that is only received in medical parlors of first-class appointments.

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Thousands Arriving at Mountsville for the World's Assembly.

Sick and Crippled Seek Restoration to Health Through the Medium of Prayer—Several Members of the Cult Have Come From England, France, and Other Parts of Europe.

WHEELING, W. Va., June 9.—At Mountsville, twelve miles below Wheeling, the annual world's assembly of the Holiness Society, as it is popularly called, has begun, and it will be a strange meeting.

The sick, crippled, and persons afflicted with chronic diseases will be prayed over in full view of thousands of worshippers. The first religious principle of the society is that perfect holiness may be attained by any mortal man, and their assembly is intended to demonstrate to the thousands who are arriving daily that the doctrine is sound, and that with holy leaders wonders may be worked in the way of curing the physical ills of those who present themselves.

Several members of the society have arrived from England, France, and other countries of Europe, and hundreds will be present from the United States and Canada.

Among these are many who are now on the grounds are men who are crippled and lame. The expectation to be taken into the big meetings in the auditorium, prayed over, and restored to perfect health.

Last year the elders prayed over several persons said to have been afflicted with various diseases for years, and later these, it is claimed, ran shouting through the grove, declaring that they had been cured.

This season the sick are coming from almost every State in the Union. The meetings will be in progress by the middle of next week.

A Double Tragedy in Georgia.

CEDARTOWN, Ga., June 9.—Tom Jordan, of Carroll county, was in Carrollton Thursday evening and drank blind tiger whisky. He became involved in a difficulty with R. M. Crider, the chief marshal of Carrollton, and shot the marshal near the heart. As Crider fell he fired at Jordan and accidentally shot B. Hood in the leg. Crider and Hood both died in a very few minutes after they were shot.

Investigating a Mayor's Conduct.

ATLANTA, Ga., June 9.—The investigation of the alleged misconduct of Mayor James G. Woodward by a sub-committee from the city council began yesterday. The sessions are held behind closed doors. Among the witnesses subpoenaed was former Secretary Hoke Smith, a number of city and police officials and reporters of two local papers. Should the report of the committee be adverse it will prepare articles of impeachment.

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